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What Threatens Catfish?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Protecting catfish habitats is important because catfish help clean waterways and maintain a healthy ecosystem.
2. Overfishing could cause catfish populations to shrink, making it harder for them to reproduce and survive.
3. If pollution harms all the catfish in an ecosystem, it could lead to an overgrowth of dead plants and animals, upsetting the balance of the environment.
4. A scientist studying catfish could work to protect their habitats, reduce pollution, or educate people about sustainable fishing practices.

